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## THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT SELECTION

(Cleveland) – Voters in Cuyahoga County are invited to take part in the ongoing selection of new voting equipment by participating in the Voting Equipment and Tabulation System Election Demonstration on Thursday, May 27th, 2021.

The Election Demonstration will focus on the experience of the general voter utilizing the certified voting equipment available from the Clear Ballot Group, Elections Systems and Software (ES&S), and Hart InterCivic. This demonstration is another opportunity for voters to provide insight on what vendor provides the best available options for Cuyahoga County voters while continuing to utilize paper optical scan ballots.

Event participants will have the opportunity to interact with the vendor representatives, cast a demonstration ballot on each ballot scanner, and complete a brief survey to evaluate the performance of each piece of voting equipment.

"Hearing from the public is an important piece to choosing voting equipment that will benefit Cuyahoga voters. We are excited to receive voter feedback as we continue through the acquisition process," said Anthony Perlatti, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections plans to fully implement the new voting equipment and tabulation system prior to the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election. In 2018 state lawmakers created the Voting Equipment Acquisition Program. The 104-million-dollar spending package provided funding for replacing old voting machines in all of Ohio's 88 voting jurisdictions. The 10-million-dollar cost of the voting equipment upgrade is Cuyahoga County's share of state funding provided by the Program.

What: Voting Equipment and Tabulation System Election Demonstration

When: Thursday, May 27th | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Administration Building

2925 Euclid Ave; Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Parking will be available at the Board Building and across the street at the Campus International High School parking lot (3100 Chester Ave).

Members of the public may register to attend on the Board of Elections website: www.443vote.us.

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